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SUBJECT: USITC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON

TRADE IN AUTOMOBILES

REF: STATE 106667

1. SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE NEITHER THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT NOR AUTO MANUFACTURERS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT ANY SO-CALLED "NON-TARIFF BARRIERS" AFFECTING THE EXPORT OF JAPANESE AUTOS INTO THE U.S.. THERE HAS BEEN CONCERN RECENTLY OVER THE POSSIBLE EFFECT ON EXPORTS OF THE PROPOSED AUTO/TAX REBATE PORTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PACKAGE BUT THIS CONCERN HAS ABATED FOLLOWING THE MEASURE'S DEFEAT IN THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

2. IN REGARD TO OTHER U.S. ACTIONS OR PRACTICES, IN THE PAST,
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THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE INSPECTION VISITS OF U.S. EPA OFFICIALS TO JAPANESE MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURING FACILITIES, ASKING WHETHER THIS WAS NOT, IN FACT, A FORM OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY IMPINGING ON JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY. THE ISSUE WAS DEFUSED BY THE MANUFACTURERS' "VOLUNTARILY" INVITING THE INSPECTORS TO THEIR FACILITIES.

3. FOLLOWING LAST SUMMER'S U.S./JAPAN BILATERAL TALKS
AIMED AT EXPEDITING THE VEHICLE CERTIFICATION
PROCEDURE CARRIED OUT BY THE GOJ ON IMPORTED AUTOS,
SUPPOSEDLY OFFICIAL COMMENTS SURFACED IN THE LOCAL
PRESS ALLEGING THAT THE USEPA TAKES 6 TO 8 MONTHS TO
COMPLETE EMISSIONS TESTING OF VEHICLES. (WE MAINTAIN
THE TESTING TAKES THREE DAYS TO A WEEK.) THE SOURCE
OF THESE COMMENTS WAS HOWEVER NEVER IDENTIFIED.
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